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Short spell of hot weather – July 2020

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Most of the UK is now benefitting from a brief spell of very warm weather. Temperatures are expected to peak on Friday before quickly cooling down over the weekend.

Wet, windy and cool start

There was a wet, windy and cool start to the week for many as an unseasonably deep area of low pressure crossed the UK. This brought gusts of wind of over 50 mph in some places and 35.8mm of rain was recorded in Shap on Monday.

Upcoming warm temperatures

In its wake much of the UK is now experiencing warm, bright, settled weather with plenty of sunshine and increasing temperatures. Warm air is being drawn up from the continent and temperatures will reach mid to high 20C for much of the UK on Friday. The temperature is likely to top 30C across much of central, southern and eastern England on Friday, with a few places in and around London reaching as high as 34C or even 35C.

Weekend forecast

Chief Meteorologist, Andy Page, said; “The bulk of England and Wales will have dry, very warm and sunny weather to end the week with Friday likely to be the hottest day of the year so far for the UK. A few thunderstorms are possible later on Friday and then a cold front moves eastwards by Saturday, bringing a downturn in temperatures once again.”

Sunday will see further showers moving in from the west, interspersed with sunny spells.

To meet the criteria for a heatwave, high temperatures need to persist for three days or more. This short hot spell will not reach the requirements to become a heatwave.

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